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THE AIR SHIP.

A Splendid Musical Comedy—
Thursday, December 14.

An advance notice says: The days of the hurriedly thrown-together clap trap play, poorly acted and deplorably equipped as to scenery and accessories have gone by. The theatre going public now demands perfection in every part and detail of a performance. This is said to have been accomplished in the play known as "The Air Ship"

which is by Mr. J. M. Gaites, and which will be produced at the opera house on next Thursday evening under the direction of the Marx & Reich Company. This comedy ought to fill the house from pit to dome as it includes some of the best known specialty artists, who give the latest high class novelties. Aside from this the comedy is well written, having an interesting plot which is carried through the entire three acts. The humor is said to be clean and bright and there are many funny scenes and situations as well as brilliant effects. It comes to us

with the reputation of being the best entertainment traveling under the farce comedy banner.

A Fine Holiday Edition.

Write for a copy of The Grimes County Record holiday edition. It contains a historical sketch of Grimes county and other historical news of interest and will be the prettiest paper ever published in Grimes county.

H. H. Hodge, Publisher,
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YOURS FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS,

BURT NORWOOD,

THE DRY GOODS HUSTLER.

GATACRE'S RETREAT.

His Artillery Saved a General Hunt and Many Men as Prisoners.

London, Dec. 11.—Later details regarding the disaster to General Gatacre's column shows that but for the magnificent work of the British artillery, the disaster would have been more extensive, as the incessant Boer shell fire in the midst of the repulsed infantry ultimately led disorder which only escaped developing into a rout through batteries of artillery occupying successive positions covering the retreat, thus drawing a portion of the Boer's galling fire. Apparently the British were set an impossible task and treacherously guided. After a trying march and being under arms 17 hours they attacked the wrong part of the Boer position where the hill was impregnable and the burghers estimated to the number of 6000 men instead of 2500 as the spies reported. There is little in the story to mitigate intense humiliation occasioned by the episode which is almost an exact counterpart of the battle of Nicolson's Nek.

The war office is besieged with anxious relatives and successive editions of newspapers are eagerly scanned. Men and women are equally persistent in pleading for information, but the authorities either do not possess any or are not prepared to publish it at present.

The affair has caused a most depressing influence everywhere, not excepting the stock exchange, where console are at the lowest price for many years and South African securities slumped not so much on account of military reverses which is irretrievable, but owing to the profound apprehension as to present effect. No great surprise would now be felt if General Gatacre's reverse, resulted in Cape Colony becoming aflame from end to end.

Afternoon newspapers, like morning papers, withhold apportionment of the blame until they are further acquainted with the facts and takes the reverse philosophically.

SHARP CRITICISM.

London Newspapers on the Defeat of Gatacre's Advance.

London, Dec. 11.—In discussing the defeat of General Gatacre at Stormberg the Daily Mail says:

"Quite apart from the loss of 600 fighting men and unexpected Boer success will probably cause a more general and serious movement among the Cape Dutch. The government must promptly face this by the immediate dispatch of further troops."

The Daily News says: "The reverse General Gatacre suffered is a sadly emphatic commentary on the peculiar difficulty of military operations in a semi-disaffected country. Enemies and spies everywhere, and nowhere can we rely confidently on any counter information. General Gatacre seems to have been completely trapped. Of course he will be immediately reinforced."

The Daily Chronicle says: "There is only too much reason to fear this is the worst illustration we have had yet of inequivalent and insufficient scouting. How far this disaster is due to lack of judgment on the spot and how far the lack of artillery, is not quite clear, but the patient public cannot help recalling General Methuen's victory at Modder river, won by artillery reinforcements at a critical moment, and all they would like to know is how many times this particular lesson is to be learned."

The Standard says: "The event is in the highest degree deplorable. It will tell against us unfavorably in the Free state among the Colonial Dutch and among the natives. A great deal of evidence accumulated during the past few weeks show how deeply the colony, or at least the northern and eastern portions of it, is honey-combed by disaffection. Our generals have to cope with the rebel colony as with a hostile republic, and must take measures and lay their plans in accordance with the details."

Shelled the Boers.

Modder River, Cape Colony, Dec. 10.—The naval 4.7-inch gun again took position north of the camp this afternoon while the Howitzer battery was posted southeast on the left of the Boers. Both opened with a hot fire with lyddite shells and shrapnel to which the Boers sharply replied with a dozen guns, thus unmasking their position, which was the object of the British maneuvers. After an hour's firing the Boer guns were silenced. The Howitzers searched the trenches throw shell after shell upon the hills and the explosion of the lyddite causing the whole ground, over an extensive area, to rise in the air in dense, brown clouds. The Boers' long gun was dismantled.

Suspected as Spies.

Belfast, Dec. 11.—Two American commercial travellers who have arrived here say they were detained at Queens-town on suspicion of being Boer spies. They say the United States consul obtained their release and he is making inquiry into the matter.

New Cotton Mill.

Montgomery, Ala. Dec. 11.—It is announced that Prattville, Ala. is to have a new cotton mill, \$75,000 of the \$225,000 capital has been subscribed and the balance is in sight. The machinery will be ordered at once. The mill will manufacture standard sheeting.

Antitrust Move.

Little Rock, Dec. 11.—The secretary of state is preparing to certify to all the prosecuting attorneys in the state the names of all corporations who have failed to comply with the antitrust act, in accordance with the provisions of the act of the last legislature.

HOLIDAY GOODS...

Our holiday box has come, and we have secured a sub-agency from that estimable gentleman who does the biggest business in the country the night before Christmas. There are lots of people in this vicinity who will appreciate a present highly if it is some of our Medallions, Mirrors done in fire gilt frames, Tea Kettles in Brass, Chaffing Dishes, Iron Candle Sticks and many other metal novelties. These goods beggar description, like most good things have to be seen to be rightly appreciated.

Also Elegant Perfumes,

In neat packages made up for a gift package. Then we have an elegant assortment of China goods of all descriptions that we are selling at your own figures. We also have an assortment of Albums, Lap Desks and Cases, that will be sure to please you. Holiday packages of the celebrated Capidura cigar—just the thing for a man addicted to the weed. We are not afraid of the little ones, as we have a large assortment of

Toys, Dolls, Fireworks,

And other things that gladden the hearts of the little folks. We cannot name prices—you will have to see the goods to judge whether prices and quality are right. We are so sure both are right that we invite you to come in to inspect—come to buy—come anyway. During the rush of the Holidays, we will not lose sight of our Drug Department, as this is first always. Bring your prescriptions and you can be assured they will receive the closest and best attention, and the prices will be right, that is if you wish them put up for the lowest figure consistent with the first quality of medicines.

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